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1890-1910

The Swann House
Chicamuxen Vicinity
Private

This rambling ~~two~~ story frame house was the residence of the landowning Negro family, the Swanns. Since its construction, it has been enlarged and modified to its present form.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Rodella Swann House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Rt. 224, 0.5 east of jct. of Rt. 224 and
Stump Neck Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Chicamuxen

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Rodella Swan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 224

CITY, TOWN

ChicamuxenRison

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VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, Et Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: Map 10A

Folio #: P. 238

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CS 327

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This rambling two story frame house stands atop a knoll facing down to^Ward Rt. 224 (south). The land around it now is a grass lawn, but in earlier days it was cultivated. To the southeast of the house stands the small, one story frame house of the Barbour family, that is now deserted (Ch-312). Today this house consists of three blocks, all of which are attached, and are two stories in height. They are sheathed with "red brick" tar paper siding, and ~~sheltered~~ by a shed porch that has been enclosed. Two of the blocks adjoin one another at gable ends along the principal facade.

A brick chimney ascends between them. Behind the east block, ~~and~~ with its roof line running parallel to the principal facade. The roof lines of both sections form a M. block is the third section. Since the present occupant of the house was mentally ~~incapacitated~~ and since no one else on the property could be located, the house was not investigated more closely, and no inspection of the interior was made.

On a return visit more extensive photographs were desired, but due to the mental incompetence of the occupant, which aroused the defensiveness of her relatives, permission was not granted. This, only black and white photographs were taken from the road with a telephoto lens after the visit. These show only the facade and not the section behind the main block.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES 1890-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to local black oral informant William Diggs, this house was the residence of a black landowning family, the Swanns. According to him, it was built before he was born in 1916 and was probably built in the turn of the century. Since then, the house has ~~probably~~ been enlarged. From this visit, it could not be determined which was the original section in the principal block. *It was probably the eastern section from appearance.*

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



Rodella Swann House

CH 329

Chicamuxen, Md.

South facade

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